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The women, as was mentioned above, who deſire to have children, for this purpoſe eat ſpiders. Some child-bed women, that they may the ſooner conceive again, eat the navel-ſtring of the child. There are others who have as great averſion to having children, and procure abortions by different poiſonous medicines, in which they are aſſiſted by ſome knowing old women; but this can never be done, as it is well known, but at the hazard of their own lives. There are others, who are ſuch unnatural wretches as to deſtroy their children when they are born, or throw them alive to the dogs. They uſe likewiſe ſeveral herbs and different conjurations to prevent conception. Their ſuperſtition, alſo, is ſometimes the occaſion of great barbarity; for when a woman bears twins, one of them at leaſt muſt be deſtroyed, and ſo muſt a child born in very ſtormy weather; though the laſt can be averted by ſome conjurations. After the birth, the women, to recover their ſtrength, make uſe of fiſh broth, made with an herb which they call *hale*; and then in a few days return to their ordinary diet.

CHAP. XVIII.

Of their DISEASES *and* REMEDIES.

THE principal diſeaſes in *Kamtſchatka* are the ſcurvy, boils, palſy, cancer, jaundice, and the venereal diſtemper. Theſe diſeaſes they think are inflicted upon them by the ſpirits that inhabit ſome particular groves, if ignorantly they happen to cut any of them down. Their principal medicines conſiſt in charms and conjurations, but at the ſame time they do not neglect the uſe of herbs and roots. For the ſcurvy they uſe a